1. What law regarding illegal immigration did Arizona recently pass?
2. Why does Arizona claim the law is justified?
3. On what grounds have critics objected to the law?
4. Federal law states “Every alien, eighteen years of age and over, shall at all times carry with him and have in his personal possession any certificate of alien registration or alien registration receipt card issued to him.” Should the state of Arizona be able to enforce this requirement, and make it a state crime to lack the proper immigration papers? Why or why not?
5. President Obama said that the Arizona law threatens to “undermine basic notions of fairness.” The Fourteenth Amendment says that states must provide due process, and may not deny to any person within their jurisdiction the “equal protection of the laws.”Are persons in Arizona, including immigrants who do not have legal documentation, being denied due process or equal protection of the law by the state? Why or why not?